

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES—DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

Claiming for Services Provided to HwLA Clients Guidelines for DMH Directly-operated Programs Revised 1/11/12

DMH directly-operated programs will claim services provided to individuals who are enrolled in and eligible for Healthy Way LA (HwLA) using existing procedure codes and rates, with the exception of medication services for Tier 2 clients.

Tier 1 Guidelines:

The Integrated System (IS) Plan used for services delivered to Tier 1 clients is based on the specific services being delivered to the client.

If a client is subsequently determined to have been ineligible for HwLA at the time of service due to receiving retroactive Medi-Cal covering the period of service, the provider should void and re-bill those services to Medi-Cal if it is determined that the services were Medi-Cal-claimable and that documentation meets the standards outlined in the Organizational Provider's Manual.

If a Tier 1 client is determined to lack or have lost HwLA eligibility, the provider can continue to provide services as clinically appropriate.

Tier 2 Guidelines:

The age-appropriate PEI IS Plan, i.e., TAY, Adult, or Older Adult, is to be used for all Tier 2 HwLA clients.

HwLA Tier 2 providers may begin providing services prior to obtaining training in the specific Problem-solving Therapy (PST) approach associated with MHIP. Pending receipt of training in PST, interventions from other approved short-term evidence-based practices (EBP) in which staff have been trained, (e.g., Crisis-oriented Recovery Services/CORS, Seeking Safety or Group CBT) can be used within the context of MHIP or on their own.

- When alternative interventions are used within the context of MHIP, such services should be claimed using the IS EBP field "2K – IMPACT - MHIP."
- When not being used within the context of MHIP, the applicable EBP should be selected from the drop-down menu in the IS EBP field.

